

REGULATE MIXED MARRIAGES.

Catholic Laymen to Appeal to Mgr. Martinelli for a Ruling.

Catholic laymen of the United States are about to present to Mgr. Martinelli a petition urging him to issue a pronouncement regulating the marriages of Catholics to Protestants, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Journal and Advertiser.

The preliminary papers of this petition have already arrived in New York city and are in the hands of a committee awaiting the approval of certain bishops before being placed in the hands of the delegate.

The petitioners desire that Mgr. Martinelli make universal rules regarding the conditions on which the Catholic church will permit one of its members to marry a non-Catholic, and also the nature of the ceremonies with which such a marriage may be attended.

The Catholic laity has long contemplated this step, but the present action has been hastened by Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis. He recently arrived from Rome, bringing with him what he says is a papal brief regulating the laws of matrimony in the Metropolitan see of St. Louis. Mgr. Kain was last fall summoned to appear before the propaganda and explain the dissatisfaction among his people concerning his ruling regarding what are called in church parlance "mixed marriages." He had issued a mandate making Catholic alliances with Protestants so difficult as to be almost impossible. They had to be celebrated in the pastorate of the parish church and must not be accompanied by any elaborate display.

The officiating clergyman was always forbidden to attend any reception following such ceremonies. The people of St. Louis rebelled against the restrictions and appealed to the apostolic delegate.

Archbishop Kain will shortly issue a Lenten pastoral in which he will announce the rules henceforth to be observed under his jurisdiction. If Archbishop Kain is vested with such authority Catholic laymen are anxious that every diocese in the United States be provided with specific rules.

LOVE OUTWITS PAPA.

Latter Loses Home and Daughters to an Objectionable Suitor.

But for an injunction issued by a justice of the peace at Sioux Falls, S. D., Wilhelmina Pilsener would now be the bride of a septuagenarian; Jacob Schatz, a favored suitor, would be pining in sorrow, and Michael Pilsener, the girl's father, would be the happy possessor of an unincumbered home.

As it turned out, Schatz has the girl for his wife and owns his father-in-law's home, while the latter sits on the woodpile and cogitates on the question of knighthood.

Schatz wanted to marry Wilhelmina, and the latter was willing, but Papa Pilsener objected, and determined to marry his daughter to Herman Wagner, a neighbor, 70 years of age, who for the fair Wilhelmina's hand agreed to bestow \$600 on Pilsener with which to lift the mortgage on his house. Wagner's seven children, four of whom are married, apparently gave their consent to their father's marriage, but beneath a calm exterior they planned to cheat Cupid of a conquest.

The day was set for the wedding. The minister was preparing to say the words which would wed December with May, when a constable appeared on the scene with a worthless injunction from a justice of the peace in a neighboring town. Schatz, who had been supplied by Ernest Mott, and if he lives until next March he will be 14 years old. Until last October he was a fairly bright and very active lad.

While he and his playmates were sky-larking among the wild teams on the morning of October 31, a horse kicked him on the head, inflicting a severe wound above the left ear. His right side was paralyzed by the blow. The muscles of his throat were also affected so he was unable to articulate. After treating the boy for a few weeks without noticing much improvement, the doctor sent him to the Bangor hospital, where the surgeon trephined his skull, taking out a circular piece of the bone to relieve the pressure upon the brain.

The boy began to get well at once.

He ate heartily, gained strength, and, on December 18, he had so far recovered that he was sent home to his parents.

He has been out on the streets every day, though his physical and mental vigor has returned, he is still unable to utter any form of speech except the oaths that he learned about the mill. Of these he has a perfect and eloquent command. He can easily outwear any person who has ever visited Montague, but during the hours that you are in the office you are employed by him, and you have no right to claim, and he has no right to ask, any social recognition.

You can always be polite; you need not be hard-hearted, and there can be, without harm, an exchange of pleasant words. But during business hours there is wisdom in attending to your business and doing nothing else. Your self-respect should not allow you to be free in your manner with the different clerks who are your companions, and you should be wise enough not to have a confidante in the office.

"She didn't hurt me," said Miss Thompson, "but all who saw the affair were men, and I think she is real mean. I'm going to show her that in this country no woman can take another and turn her over her knee without feeling the heavy arm of the law."

Miss Thompson added that Mrs. Scholl's arm was pretty heavy itself, but that, aided by the police force of New York, she had no fear that her's would be found wanting from now on. The case was adjourned. The spanking was an incident in a woman's quarrel.

A MUSICAL KITCHEN.

A budding genius in Portland, Ore., has devised a utilitarian plan to make new aluminum musical instruments convertible into kitchen utensils. By making the keys and strings detachable he proposes to use the mandolin for a stew pan, the guitar for a ham boiler or fish fry, and to cook flapjacks on the banjo. It will readily be seen that a piccolo could serve the uses of a poker without any detaching, says the New York Sun, and the conversion of a saxophone into a soup ladle would have advantages too manifest for comment.

Martin Luther's Wedding Ring.

The wedding ring of Luther is still in existence, and has been exhibited in a jeweler's shop at Dusseldorf. On it is a representation of the crucifixion of Christ, a small, bright ruby standing for a drop of blood. The inscription is: "Catherine von Bora to Dr. Martin Luther 17th June, 1525."

PNEUMATIC CRUTCH.

A new crutch for cripples has an oscillating arm rest pivoted to the top of the crutch and fitted with a pneumatic cushion set in the upper part of the rest.

Using American Slates.

England is now consuming large quantities of American slate.

FEAR BAPTISM OF WATER.

Seamen Say the Kentucky Will Be Thought an Unlucky Ship.

Proposal of Miss Bradley to Use Crystal Water Instead of Sparkling Champagne Causes Controversy in Navy.

Officers of the navy on duty at Washington are very much perturbed over Miss Bradley's announcement that she will use water in christening the battleship Kentucky, and express considerable worry over the practical effect of such a departure from precedent.

The intention of Gov. Bradley's daughter may not strike landmen as anything more than a good joke on a state that has always been represented as a hard-drinking community," said one officer to-day, "but it may result badly for the navy. Not a man in the service will feel a ray of comfort in sailing in a ship that has been baptized in water. As for myself, I think no sailor with good red blood in his veins can approve of any such disregard of the conventional method.

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AN OLD PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

Purchased from William Penn Two Hundred Years Ago.

Two hundred years ago Gwynedd township, in Montgomery county, was purchased from William Penn and settled by a company of fifteen men from Wales. There is at present a strong agitation among prominent people of the township, numbers of them direct descendants of these original settlers, to commemorate the bicentennial of this event and the movement, without doubt, will be successful, says the Buffalo Commercial.

William John and Thomas Evans, two of the company of settlers, came to this country previous to the arrival of the other members, and selected the ground for the settlement, as was the custom of the Welsh settlers. In March, 1698, the ground which they selected, 11,449 acres, was purchased by the company, and in April they sailed from Liverpool, reaching Philadelphia in July. It is supposed that about November they occupied their lands.

It was in 1700 that the first meeting-house was built at Gwynedd on the site of the present structure. In 1701 William Penn visited Gwynedd. A second meeting-house was built in 1712 and two years later the first monthly meeting was established.

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